

## Viennese Karl Polanyi Visiting Professorship

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## Welfare state resilience as a countermovement in economic crises?

Europe facing the Great Recession and the Pandemic

The lecture discusses the use of employment policy in the two major economic crises of the twentieth century. It explores the two crisis periods: the Great Recession following the global financial market crash of 2008 and the health challenge plus economic crisis during the Coronavirus pandemic since early 2020. These have been laboratories of ad hoc and lasting changes in welfare states. Comparing welfare states across Europe, the analysis will investigate the social and employment policies to increase the resilience of welfare states through enhancing the absorptive and adaptive capacity during a crisis. It also pays attention to the role of social partners in coping with the two crises. The empirical analysis focuses on the use of job retention and other policies to stabilize income and reduce unemployment during the crisis, using policy trackers and macro-indicators.

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